

## MONTANA WOLF PROGRAM - MONTHLY REPORT

**TO:** Interested Persons

**FROM:** Ken McDonald, Administrator, Wildlife Division, FWP

**SUBJECT:** Wolf Program Activities and Related Information

**PERIOD:** October 1, 2016 - October 31, 2016

Contributors to the Montana Wolf Weekly are Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), Universities, USDA Wildlife Services (WS), the National Park Service (NPS; Glacier NP; Yellowstone National Park will be reported in the Wyoming Wolf Weekly), US Forest Service, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, and the Blackfoot Nation.

**PROGRAM UPDATES:** We are now providing wolf reports on a monthly basis. The new monthly reports will be posted by the second week of each month.

Senate Bill 200 (SB 200), passed during the 2013 legislative session, allows a landowner to take wolves on private land (without a license) that represent potential threats to livestock, domestic dogs, or humans.

### \*\*\*NEW WEEKLY ENTRIES WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED IN GRAY

**Montana Annual Wolf Report can be found on the FWP website:**

<http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/management/wolf/>

To learn more about Montana's wolf population, the Montana program, and to help FWP monitor wolves by reporting wolf sign, visit the FWP website.

To anonymously report a dead or injured wolf or suspected illegal activity, call: 1-800-TIP-MONT or 1-800-847-6668

To request an investigation of injured or dead livestock, call USDA Wildlife Services directly in western Montana / Helena area at 406-458-0106 or in eastern Montana at the statewide office at 406-657-6464. Or, call your nearest FWP representative to have your call referred to Wildlife Services.

If you have a confirmed or probable livestock death loss due to wolves, USDA Wildlife Services will supply you with a copy of the Loss Reimbursement Application form. For more information, contact the Livestock Loss Reduction and Mitigation Program Coordinator, George Edwards at the Montana Department of Livestock at 406-444-5609 or by visiting their website:

<http://liv.mt.gov/default.mcp>

WOLF-LIVESTOCK CONFLICTS – 2016			NEW ENTRIES FOR 10/31/16 REPORT																		
Date*	General Area (County)	Pack Name	Livestock Type, #, and Outcome															Land Type	Control Action Authorized by Wildlife Services		
			Injured livestock (i), Probable kills (p), Confirmed kills (c)																		
			Cattle			Sheep			Goat/ Llama			Horse			Dog						
			i	p	c	i	p	c	i	p	c	i	p	c	i	c	p				
1/25/2016	Grant (Beaverhead)	Unknown															1			Private	Lethal removal
1/25/2016	Fiddler Creek (Stillwater)	Rosebud			1															Private	Lethal removal
3/6/2016	Grant (Beaverhead)	Unknown			1															Private	Lethal removal of 4 wolves - Action complete
3/14/2016	Polaris (Beaverhead)	Unknown			1															Private	Lethal removal
3/17/2016	Ninemile (Missoula)	Ninemile			1															Private	Lethal removal
3/25/2016	Carbon	Rosebud			2															Private	Lethal removal
3/28/2016	Polaris (Beaverhead)	Unknown			1															Private	Lethal removal
3/30/2016	Wisdon (Beaverhead)	Unknown			1															Private	Lethal removal
3/30/2016	Wise River (Deer Lodge)	Unknown			1															Private	Lethal removal
4/4 - 4/11/2016	Augusta (Lewis & Clark)	Crown Mountain		5																Private	Lethal removal
4/7/2016	Dupuyer (Pondera)	Bennie			1															Private	Lethal removal
4/13/2016	Rogers Pass (Lewis & Clark)	Blowout Mountain			1															Private	Lethal removal
4/25/2016	Augusta (Lewis & Clark)	Crown Mountain			1															Private	Lethal removal
4/7/2016	Ravalli	One Horse			1															Private	Lethal removal
4/8/2016	Ravalli	One Horse			2															Private	Lethal removal
4/28/2016	Augusta (Lewis & Clark)	Crown Mountain			1															Private	Lethal removal
5/1/2016	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Unknown			1															Private	Lethal removal
5/14/2016	W of Red Lodge (Carbon)	Rosebud			1															Private	Lethal removal
5/15/2016	W of Red Lodge (Carbon)	Rosebud			1															Private	Lethal removal

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5/18/2016	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Unknown	1															Private	Attempt to collar
5/18/2016	Carbon	Rosebud		1														Private	Lethal removal
5/19/2016	Ravalli	One Horse	1		2													Private	Lethal removal
5/24/2016	W of Helmville (Powell)	Unknown			1													Private	Lethal removal
5/25/2016	Carbon	Rosebud			1													Private	Lethal removal
6/6/2016	Carbon	Rosebud		1														Private	Lethal removal
6/24/2016	W of Helmville (Powell)	Unknown			1													Private	Lethal removal
6/25/2016	W of Helmville (Powell)	Unknown			1													Private	Lethal removal
6/27/2016	E of Harrison (Madison)	Unknown		1														Private	
6/30/2016	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Unknown	1															Private	Attempt to collar and release
7/31/2016	Madison	Unknown	1															Private	Lethal removal
8/2/2016	Lincoln (Lewis & Clark)	Humbug			1													Private	Lethal removal
8/2/2016	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Unknown	1															Private	Attempt to collar and release
8/17/2016	Melrose (Beaverhead)	Unknown			1													Public	Lethal removal
8/18/2016	Madison	Unknown			1													Public	Lethal removal
8/31/2016	Wise River (Silverbow)	Unknown	1															Public	Unknown
9/7/2016	Pondera	Unknown			1													Private	
9/15/2016	Stillwater	Unknown			1													Private	
9/19/2016	Grant (Beaverhead)	Unknown	1																Lethal removal
9/21/2016	Melrose (Beaverhead)	Unknown			1														
9/26/2016	Judith Gap (Wheatland)	Lone/Dispersing Wolf				13	2	4										Private	Lethal removal
9/26/2016	Dell (Beaverhead)	Unknown					3	1										Private	

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10/6/2016	Dell (Beaverhead)	Unknown			1													Private	
10/12/2016	W of Augusta (Lewis & Clark)	Crown Mountain			1													Private	Lethal removal
2016 Running Total*			7	8	33	13	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		

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WOLF CAPTURE, COLLARING, REMOVAL ACTIVITIES – 2016			NEW ENTRIES FOR 10/31/16 REPORT							
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			FWP	WS	Other - Tribal/ Incidental	WS	Landowner			
1/16/2016	(Park)	Slip Slide	2							
1/17/2016	(Sweetgrass)	Baker	2							
1/22/2016	(Carbon)	Rosebud	1							
1/28/2016	(Yellowstone)	Unknown						1		Vehicle
1/31/2016	WF Bitterroot (Ravalli)	Overwhich	1							
2/1/2016	Fish Creek (Mineral)	Cache Creek	1							
2/2/2016	Fiddler Creek (Stillwater)	Rosebud				1				
2/4/2016	Thompson River (Sanders)	Lost Dog	1							
2/5/2016	Spanish Creek (Gallatin)	Beartrap						1		Roadkill
2/5/2016	Flint Range (Granite)	Flint Creek	1							
2/5/2016	Gold Creek (Missoula)	Belmont	1							
2/5/2016	Fisher River (Lincoln)	Satire	2							
2/12/2016	(Carbon)	Rosebud				1				
2/25/2016	(Park)	Cinnabar						1		Capture myopathy
2/25/2016	(Park)	Cinnabar	1							
2/25/2016	(Park)	Lamar Canyon	1							

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2/26/2016	Flesher Pass (Lewis & Clark)	Flesher	2							
3/1/2016	Wolf Creek (Lewis & Clark)	Unknown/Lone (NWMT)						1		Roadkill
3/7/2016	Flathead (Swan)	Unknown						1		illegal
3/19/2016	Blackleaf Creek (Teton)	Teton					1			SB 200 take
3/19/2016	Ninemile Valley (Missoula)	Ninemile				3				
3/22/2016	W of Bozeman (Gallatin)	Beartrap					1			SB 200 take
3/23/2016	Nye (Stillwater)	Junction Butte					1			SB 200 take
3/30/2016	(Carbon)	Rosebud				2			Completed	
4/2/2016	(Park)	Cinnabar						1		Interspecific predation
4/6/2016	Polaris (Beaverhead)	Unknown				2			Completed	
4/7/2016	W of Dupuyer (Pondera)	Bennie							Completed	
4/8/2016	(Carbon)	Rosebud				2			Completed	
4/26/2016	(Lewis & Clark)	Blowout Mountain		1					Completed	

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5/3/2016	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Unknown				1			Completed	
5/7/2016	W of Augusta (Lewis & Clark)	Crown Mountain				1			Completed	
5/14/2016	W of Augusta (Lewis & Clark)	Crown Mountain		1					Completed	
5/15/2016	Rogers Pass (Lewis & Clark)	Blowout Mountain		1						
5/26/2016	W of Augusta (Lewis & Clark)	Crown Mountain				1			Completed	
5/28/2016	North Fork Sun River (Lewis & Clark)	Redshale	1						Completed	
6/11/2016	E of Augusta (Lewis & Clark)	Crown Mountain				1			Completed	
6/15/2016	Trail Creek (Park)	Hogback						1		Under investigation
6/17/2016	N of Lincoln (Lewis & Clark)	Stonewall Mtn		1						
6/19/2016	(Ravalli)	Divide	1							
6/23/2016	(Flathead)	Hog Heaven		1					Completed	
6/24/2016	(Flathead)	Hog Heaven				1			Completed	
6/25/2016	(Ravalli)	Tepee	1							

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6/26/2016	Butte (Silverbow)	Unknown						1		Roadkill
6/26/2016	(Flathead)	Hog Heaven				1			Completed	
6/28/2016	(Ravalli)	Trapper Peak	1							
6/29/2016	W of Helmville (Powell)	Unknown				1			Completed	
7/19/2016	(Powell)	Arrastra Cr.	1							
7/27/2016	(Flathead)	Hog Heaven				2			Completed	
7/30/2016	(Powell)	Seeley	1							
8/2/2016	(Powell)	Seeley	1							
8/4/2016	Lincoln (Lewis & Clark)	Humbug		1					Completed	
8/5/2016	Lincoln (Lewis & Clark)	Humbug				1			Completed	
8/16/2016	(Flathead)	Spotted Bear	2							
8/18/2016	Melrose (Beaverhead)	Unknown		1					Completed	
8/19/2016	(Lewis & Clark)	Humbug				1				
8/21/2016	Lone Pine Reservoir (Sanders)	Lost Dog					1			
8/26/2016	Kootenai (Lincoln)	Lydia		1					Completed	
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8/27/2016	Kootenai (Lincoln)	Lydia				1			Completed	
8/31/2016	Glacier (Lewis & Clark)	unknown						Vehicle strike		
9/4/2016	Kootenai (Lincoln)	Bearfite	1							
9/6/2016	(Flathead)	Condon	1							
9/6/2016	Kootenai (Lincoln)	Bearfite	1							
9/6/2016	(Flathead)	Kerr				1			Completed	
9/9/2016	(Lewis & Clark)	Humbug				3				
9/9/2016	Kootenai (Lincoln)	Kootenay	1							
9/10/2016	Kootenai (Lincoln)	Kootenay	1							
9/12/2016	Melrose (Beaverhead)	Unknown				1				
9/15/2016	Lincoln (Lewis & Clark)	Humbug				3			Completed	
9/18/2016	(Mineral)	Unknown						1		Road Kill
9/21/2016	Melrose (Beaverhead)	Unknown				1				
9/27/2016	(Madison)	Unknown				2				
9/28/2016	(Madison)	Unknown				1				
9/29/2016	Judith Gap	Lone/Dispersing				1			Completed	
9/29/2016	(Ravalli)	One Horse	2							
10/1/2016	(Lincoln)	Kootenay	1							

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10/2/2016	(Ravalli)	One Horse	2							
10/6/2016	Dell (Beaverhead)	Unknown				2			Ongoing	
10/9/2016	Flathead	Browns Mdw					1			
10/10/2016	Flathead	Trego							No control action taken	
10/10/2016	Flathead	Hog Heaven							No control action taken	
10/12/2016	W of Augusta (Lewis & Clark)	Crown Mountain					1			SB 200 Take
10/17/2016	Polebridge (Flathead)	Akokala	1							
10/18/2016	Polebridge (Flathead)	Kintla	1							
10/18/2016	W of Augusta (Lewis & Clark)	Crown Mountain				4				
2016 Running Total*			37	8	0	43	6	9		

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**Number of cattle and sheep killed by wolves and number of wolves removed through agency control and take by private citizens, 2000-2015.**

